

CLAIMS

1. A roll-in cot having a patient support attached to a wheeled transporter wherein the wheeled transporter comprises leading and trailing collapsible legs having respective
5 proximal ends pivotally connected to a frame and distal ends including wheels wherein at least the leading or the trailing collapsible legs are operable from a locked condition by a release assembly wherein the release assembly comprises a safety and a leg release wherein one of said safety and said leg release comprises a linkage, wherein in an activated condition the linkage prevents the collapse of the collapsible legs, said linkage
10 is connected to a touch bar disposed in front of said collapsible legs whereby engagement of the touch bar against a platform deactivates the linkage and enables the collapsible legs to be collapsed on release of the other of said safety and said leg release.
2. A roll-in cot having a patient support attached to a wheeled transporter wherein
15 the wheeled transporter comprises leading and trailing collapsible legs having respective proximal ends pivotally connected to a frame and distal ends including wheels wherein the trailing collapsible legs are operable from a locked condition by a release assembly comprising a safety and a leg release wherein said leg release comprises a handle connected to a pawl, wherein in an activated condition the pawl abuts a stop, said stop is
20 disposed on the safety and is connected to a touch bar disposed in front of the trailing collapsible legs whereby engagement of the touch bar against platform withdraws the stop from abutment with the pawl and releases the trailing collapsible legs.
3. A roll-in cot having a patient support attached to a wheeled transporter wherein
25 the wheeled transporter comprises leading and trailing collapsible legs having respective proximal ends pivotally connected to a frame and distal ends including wheels wherein the leading collapsible legs are operable from a locked condition by a release assembly comprising a leg release and a safety, the leg release comprises a handle connected to a pawl, wherein in an activated condition the pawl retains the leading collapsible legs in an
30 erect condition and the safety is connected to a touch bar disposed adjacent load wheels whereby engagement of the touch bar against platform deactivates the safety wherein the

release assembly requires both the leg release and the safety to be deactivated for the leading pair of collapsible legs to be collapsed.

4. A method of loading a roll-in cot onto a platform said method comprising the
5 steps of:

moving the roll-in cot against a platform;

operating a touch bar by urging the roll-in cot into the platform wherein
movement of the touch bar relative to the frame disengages a linkage and permits
collapsible legs on the cot to collapse; and

10 moving the roll-in cot onto the platform.